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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I was attracted by the prospect of getting fiber optic internet service because the DSL carrier we had before typically had reduced, less-effective and less dependable, service during peak hours and sometimes for other reasons that were unclear. Our DSL service was essentially undependable and produced serious inconvenience without warning all too often. I signed up for our local fiber company to install service where I live when it was offered, at first mostly on the basis of what I knew of increased transmission rates through fiber optics over electrical service through copper wires. Now that I've had it for a year or so, I can with certainty that my service has been overall better and more dependable. Plus, I liked the idea of supporting an innovative startup company pioneering a newer technology, versus depending on an existing giant company using technology developed decades ago, for both practical, technological reasons and for socioeconomic reasons as well.

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